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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Jeffery Bonadio and Wushan Yin

Serial No.: 09/592,685

Filed: June 12, 2000

For: METHODS OF USING LATENT TGF β
BINDING PROTEINS

Group Art Unit: 1647

Examiner: Romeo, D.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 4100.000582

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND
TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 13, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one-month to and including December 13, 2002 in which to respond to the first Office Action dated August 13, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a one-month extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,



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